

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, February 1st, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the January 19th Board of Finance minutes. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Saxon received answers to questions regarding Resolution 2010-01 Rush County Investment Policy

FOUNTAIN GAS

Ron Jarman, Chief Technical Officer of Fountain Gas and Ann Yockum of WTH appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the sharing of the GIS parcel layer of Ripley Twp and The Town of Carthage. Jarman informed the commissioners that the purpose is to create a layer indicating gas lines in the particular areas. WTH will convert the software layer for Fountain Gas. Jarman reported that once the gas line layer is created it will be shared with the county GIS department. County Attorney Leigh Morning had prepared a contract outlining that the county GIS parcel layer information could not be sold or shared by Fountain Gas. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the parcel information to be shared. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Verlin Custer, Raleigh Fire Dept. Fire Chief, approached the commissioners regarding their request to extract 2.2 of Section II from the proposed contract dated December 21, 2009

Section 2.2 *Provider shall cooperate with the Rush Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services Director in the establishment an implementation of protocols.*

The commissioners were to review Raleigh's protocols and confer with the Rush Memorial Hospital Board.

Ken Masters reported that he had met with Verlin Custer. Masters commended Raleigh Fire Department and their work performed within their community. Masters made the motion to delete 2.2 of Section II. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes voiced that the decision is unanimous with all commissioners and that they will work with Raleigh Fire Department. Barnes noted that Carthage Fire Dept and Anderson Twp Fire Dept 2010 contracts have already been approved and signed. Any changes will be addressed in the future. Barnes finished by informing all in attendance that all volunteer ambulance services is now “Basic Life Support” service. Leigh Morning will have the new revised contract available for approval and signing at the February 16th commissioner meeting.

The commissioners reviewed the January EMS run report.

ANDERSON TWP FIRE DEPT.

Bill Ward, Anderson Twp Advisory Board Member, invited all in attendance to attend the open house at the Fire Dept Sunday, February 7th.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported fifty-eight (58) inmates currently housed in the Rush County Jail. Ten (10) inmates are sentenced and forty-eight (48) are pre-sentenced. Sherwood reported that the court system has worked hard since the last commissioner meeting. Sherwood reported that twenty (20) inmates are gone and twenty-five (25) are back in the jail. Sherwood noted that he did not see any light at the end of the tunnel for quite some time.

Discussion was held regarding the county looking at possible Pods to hold the abundance of inmates. Sherwood reported that the current jail is the 3rd oldest jail in Indiana. Sherwood also reminded that any physical alterations to the current jail would jeopardize the “Grandfather” Clause.

Sherwood reported that the new animal control officer Mike Jessup is doing a good job. The commissioners asked Sherwood to make available any inmates for the painting of the recently converted law library into the public defender office.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, asked the commissioners to approve and sign form IC-639 indicating that the Carthage Phase I project is completed and to now allow the state to close state road 140 to 3 mile road. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the form. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton reported that the court and IDEM have both approved the newly submitted plans Addressing the discovered wetlands in Phase II.

Sitton reported that the bridge inspection books are ready for printing. Marvin Cole made the motion to sign the cover pages of the bridge inspection books. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton reported ARRA now has up to \$3 million more in road improvements. Sitton reported that he has contacted United Consulting as to what will be allowed.

Ken Masters reported on a letter received from CSX Railroad indicating that they were in compliance with the state in regards to stop or yield signs at their crossings. Sitton indicated that INDOT determines if and what signs are needed and then contacts the county for their installation.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd reported of the recent APC meeting. A public meeting regarding the subdivision control ordinance the language regarding the size of the lots received a favorable recommendation by both Carthage and Glenwood. The public hearing is set for February 16th at 9:30 am

Todd reported that he has been looking at tax sale properties for possible brown field status. Todd reported that a Carthage property shows vacated by the Carthage Town Board, but no records have been located for this action. Once this has been resolved the property will be handed back to the adjoining property owners.

Ken Masters reported that he has talked to Mr. DeWitt regarding liability insurance for the Sexton elevator. The auditor will pull the minutes to verify the motion and will forward to the commissioners.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of the submitted payroll claims on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that the drainage board earlier has addressed the submitted claims paying interest for the Samuel Young and the Wycoff, Glidden, Goldman Drains from the Drain Improvement Fund of which no resolution or appropriation had been established. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the submitted bi-weekly claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The commissioners approved and signed the Odometer Disclosure statement of the leased coroner van on a motion received by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that the county farm rent has been received by her office.

Adams reported that a replacement battery and electrodes for the Defibrillator located outside the former law library.

HEALTH

The commissioners approved Ordinance 2010- approving a fee schedule set by the Rush County Board of Health on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The auditor will advertise the ordinance.

COURTHOUSE

Tom Barnes reported that he along with Toby Gilliam have inspected the attic and have not discovered any roof leaks. Barnes reported that the county still has the one (1) year letter of credit regarding the installation of the Clock Tower Roof. Barnes reported that the original agreement requires an engineer inspection, but due to financial constraints Barnes asked that the inspection be waived.

Ken Masters made the motion to waive the final inspection of the roof and to release the final payment of the roof construction. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deborah Adams asked about future liability to the county by not having a final inspection by an engineer. County Attorney informed all that the insurance company could easily question any claim.

Barnes indicated that he had discussed a preventative maintenance agreement with Smith's Bell and Clock Service of Mooresville, Indiana. The agreement is for two maintenance/inspection calls a year at the cost of \$475.00 Barnes suggested that due to financial constraints the county should not pursue the agreement Barnes reported that he has checked their references. Mary Ann Beard indicated that in past years companies have come forward offering their services to the county. Marvin Rees currently does the inspection and maintenance of the courthouse clock. John Saxon questioned as to if the services were solicited. Tom Barnes informed him that another county had recommended the vendor to him.

Conversation was held regarding the continued smell of sewer gas throughout the courthouse. Tom Barnes reported that Newkirk Plumbing had previously missed a pipe during their work in November and December. Barnes reported that a bill will not be submitted for these repairs.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor